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IN MEMORIAM

Marie Virginia "Babe" Hill

April 6 1927 - October 17, 2001

NEWSLETTER OF THE SLAVIC-AMERICAN CULTURAL ORGANIZATION, INC.
P.O. Box 226, Watsonville, California 95077
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President's Message

Would you believe that Christmas is just around the corner? Well, it is, and on December 9th SACO will put on another great event, our Christmas Dinner. This one is not to be missed! There will be more great food and entertainment. It has been a while since our last event in July, which celebrated our nation's independence.

While I will be ending my second year as president of this fine club, all of you members, along with my family and my fellow officers Dale, Geri, Nina and Jo, have given me lots of support and kept this organization alive. I want to give you all a personal thanks.

On a sad note, Babe Hill passed away a few weeks ago. She and Ron were instrumental in starting this club, known back then in 1979 as YACO. Babe was involved with the club since its inception, later became president in 1982, and helped the club grow and prosper in the following years. We will all miss you, Babe.

Thank you,
Steve Belick

ELECTIONS NOTICE



Election of SACO Officers takes place at the December Christmas Dinner. Current officers have all agreed to continue in office if that is the wish of the membership.

If you want to nominate anyone else to be an Officer, nominations will be accepted from the floor.

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BRING A FRIEND



CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY

SANTA CLAUS!

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December 9th

At Watsonville Woman's Club
12 Brennan Street

4:00 - Social and Get Acquainted Time
5:00 - Dinner

Pork Loin, Apple Sauce, Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad, Rolls, Dessert
Prepared by Bob Moresco and Frank McGinnis

Bring a Friend . . . . **Bring a Prize . . . .** **Bring a Dessert . . . .**

Adults $12 / Children 7 - 13 $5 / 6 and under free

PRIZES!

DRAWING!

No Tickets sold at door

Donated Prizes Accepted
(also Desserts)

Please MAIL reservations and checks made payable to SACO:
P.O. Box 226, Watsonville, CA 95077
(or call Nina at 724-7971)
by December 5th.

SANTA CLAUS WILL BE THERE!

Please call Jan at 722-0580
and let her know how many children ages 10 and under.

IN MEMORIAM

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Born and raised in Watasonville, Babe was very active in the community. For 20 years she was a Service League Volunteer in the Watsonville Community Hospital coffee shop, 11 years at the Santa Cruz County Fair Information Booth, 9 years at the Watsonville Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Apple Festival Bazaar, founder of the 79er Bridge Group, one of the founding members of S.A.C.O. and served as S.A.C.O. president a total of 7 years.

Married to former S.A.C.O. president Ron Hill in 1946, they would have celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on October 19, 2001.

Babe leaves behind her sweetheart of 55 years, Ron; her brother Nick Brautovich of Modesto; her sister and brother-in-law Rosalyn and Dick Meidl of Watsonville; nephews Steve Meidl of Watsonvilie and Nick Brautovich, Jr. of Aptos; nieces Elizabeth Meidl and Cynthia Norman of Watsonville; and two sisters-in-law, Lillian Lund and Irene Thompson, both of the Washington area. She is also survived by her cousin Niko Brautovich and his family in Cilipi-Mocici Dubrovnik, Croatia.

Donations in Babe's memory may be made to the Hospice Caring Project of Santa Cruz County, 6851 Soquel Drive, Aptos, CA 95003.

WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

Bill and Mary Buak
(Watsonville)

IN MEMORIAM

Jasper Simunovich

In Watsonville
August 5, 2001 78 years old

Brother of Anita Scurich

Mitchell Pelich

In Gilroy
August 12, 2001 87 years old

Father of Janet Justus-Skillicorn

Kenneth Skillicorn

In Watsonville
October 22, 2001 71 years old

Brother of Dale Skillicorn



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Class of June, 2001

A $250 check has been mailed to:

Jennifer Car (Watsonville High)
Granddaughter of
Charlotte Strazicich Car

Tiffany Loncarich (Aptos High)

Michael Johnson (Watsonville High)
Grandson of
June Scurich Eastman

Keema Morrison (Aptos High)

8/26/01

To: Slavic American Cultural Organization

Thank you for honoring me with your scholarship award for Watsonville High School's class of 2001. As a 4th generation croatian descendent, this is a great honor for me and my family. I believe you are to be commended for recognizing the achievements of local students with slavic backgrounds. I plan to attend Cabrillo College for two years and then transfer to a U.C. This will get me well on my way. Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Mike Johnson

To: SACO Scholarship Committee

Re: Keema Morrisons Scholarship

Here is a copy of the invoice showing Keema's enrollment and expenses at Saint Mary's College. Keema will start school September 3, 2001. Her scholarship check could help with purchasing textbooks for the fall semester.

Thank you again for helping my daughter by awarding her this scholarship!

Sincere thanks

Peggy Morrison

Dear SACO,

I received one of your scholarships. I wanted to thank you again for the money. I have been going to Cabrillo College for almost a month now and am having fun. I am just taking my general ed for now and hopefully I'll find something that strikes my interest. Attached is my verification of enrollment.

Thank you again,
Jennifer Car





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SUNDAY, JULY 8, 2001 ANNUAL BBQ

From the desk of

Peter Bilsich

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to the following for donations:

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Slavica Zalac

Attendance: 143 paid
plus scholarship recipient Keema Morrison and her mother,
7 musicians, and cooks Bob and Frank

Hey S.A.C.C.
Enjoyed the picnic July 8. one of best. A couple of pictures & took pictures. Rachel.

Pete Bilsich

REMINDER:

YOUR SLAVIC AMERICAN CULTURAL ORGANIZATION ANNUAL DUES ARE NOW DUE (Jan., 2002):

Single $12.00 _____

Family $18.00 _____

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THANK YOU!

Nina Matulich

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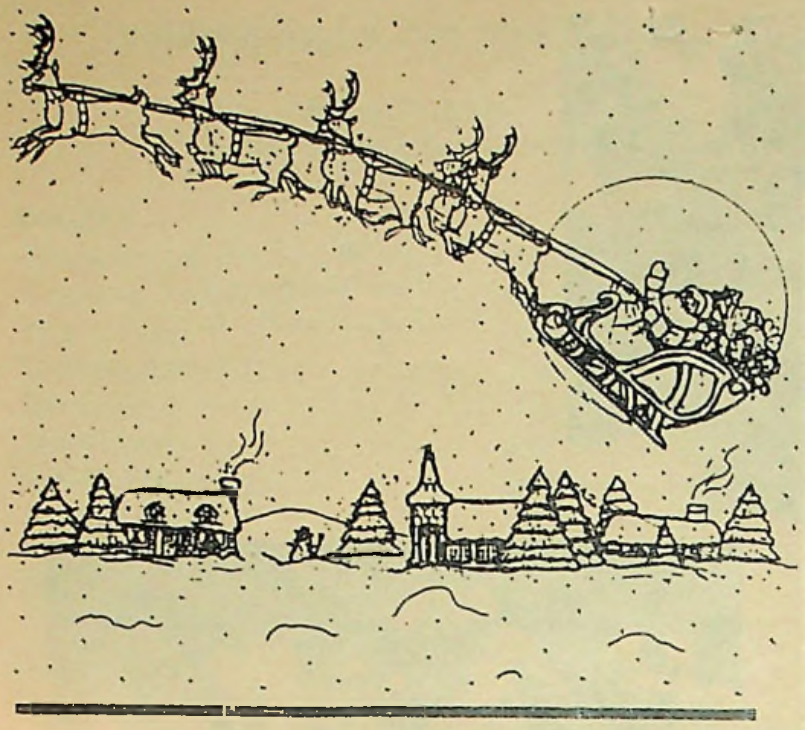
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Peter Bilisich and
Jacqueline Zadravec







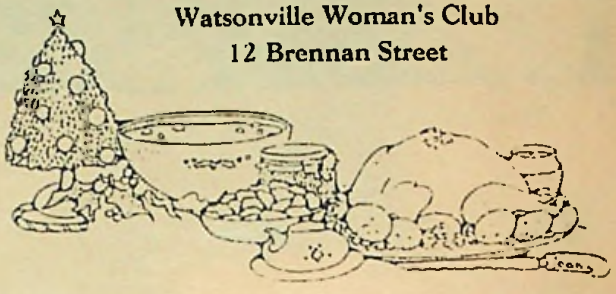
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